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In re Patent Application of

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For: MOVING PICTURE DECODING APPARATUS AND MOVING PICTURE
DECODING METHOD

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

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This is a response to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2001 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

No additional fee is required. However, in the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under

37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073.

AMENDMENTS

1. X If checked, amendments to the specification, claims and abstract are submitted herewith.

2. Specification:

Please cancel the entire specification as originally filed and replace it with the substitute specification submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) with the “clean” version attached hereto as Appendix A. No new matter has been added. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

3. Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12-15, 17 and 18 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the “clean” version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

4. Drawings:

Please amend Fig. 4 as marked in red on the copy attached hereto in Appendix B. A corrected formal drawing incorporating the changes is attached at the back of Appendix A.